

PHONEMES AND ORTHOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

EXAMPLES

/p/	p	/m/	m	/f/	f	a	ata	hot pepper
/b/	b	/n/	n	/s/	s	b	baba	father
/t/	t			/ʃ/	sh	d	dudu	black
/d/	d			/l/	l	e	rere	well
/t͡ʃ/	j			/r/	r	r	rye	bird
/k/	k			/h/	h	g	gangan	drum
/g/	g			/w/	w	gb	igbagbe	forgetfulness
/kp/	kp			/y/	y	h	aha	calabash
/gb/	gb					i	ibi	bad
						j	aja	dog
						k	kókókó	key
						kp	kpaki	manioc
/i/	i			/u/	u	l	laalaa	difficulty
/e/	e			/o/	o	m	mímó	pure
/ɛ/	ɛ			/ɔ/	ɔ	n	ina	fire
		/a/	a			o	okó	field
						ɔ	ókó	husband
/V̄/	Vn (except /e/ and /o/)					p	pipan	train
						r	rérówó	vegetable
						s	esó	fruit
						sh	shasha	quickly
						t	timuntimun	pillow
						u	tubu	prison
						w	werewere	quickly
						y	iya	mother

ALPHABET

a b d e ɛ f g gb h i j k kp l m n o ɔ p r s sh t u  
w y

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